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A. G. Peck, of Cohoes Falls, N. Y., has purchased for \$185,000 the McKinnon estate on which the Lakes of Killarney are situated in Ireland. Americans will soon own Ireland. Then an Anglo-Saxon alliance will be in order to learn how England would treat us if we were in Ireland.

Robert G. Ingersoll is dead. Ingersoll was misunderstood by many good people while he in turn had no conception whatever of the teachings of Christianity. What he said was Christian doctrine was as unlike as a man of straw is to a real man. Ingersoll claimed that either the universe was self-existent or it was created by a self-existent being, and to his mind the first was less difficult to believe than the last. He said he would rather believe that matter without intelligence was more possible to exist than an intelligent, all-wise creator. Such logic would not hold with any person of good reasoning. However, Ingersoll was a good man and his chances for the future are infinitely better than those of many who held themselves to be holier.

The regular troops in the Philippines are now disgraced with illis and his incompetency. The transport Indiana which arrived in San Francisco the 23rd had on board a large number of regulars who were returning home, their terms of enlistment having expired. The regulars said:

"We have made no headway in the Philippines whatever. We have no general and not enough men, and these we have not allowed to fight, so what can you expect? I tell you the boys were disgusted when, by quick work, General Lawton surrounded a body of insurgents and had them at his mercy; then orders came from Otis to come back. Otis is the man to blame. The English language contains no word which expresses his incompetency adequately. Send a general to the island if you would conquer them."

Martin Hendrick, Company F, U. S. Infantry:

"Otis is a dead end and we have not enough men in the Philippines. With General Lawton in command we would not, after a year's fight, be in a worse position than at the beginning of the campaign."

The above was the substance of every returning regular's story, all agreeing that Otis is absolutely incompetent and that our arms cannot be successful until Otis is removed. The soldier boys do not go to the bottom of the trouble which originates with Wm. McKinley, the president without backbone enough to do what he believes is right without regard to public sentiment. Had McKinley only consulted his own sense of right and wrong instead of catering to the rabble they never would have been a war with the Philippines. And now if he had the backbone he would recall the army, only holding a coaling station, conclude a peace treaty and again to rebuild the homes of the poor people his army has ruthlessly destroyed. The harm done, however, can never be repaired.

We are pained to hear that some of the American soldiers in the Philippines have been guilty of sacrilegious crimes. Michael Funderburg, a private in Company A, Twelfth United States Infantry, whose parents live near Jacksonville, Pa., has lately written home describing a dreadful scene of sacrilege in a Catholic church outside Manila. He writes:

"Villages and churches are in ruins as the result of our cannonading. One church presented a scene such as I have never before seen or heard of. The volunteers found the church just as the priest left and so, when these devils got in, they completely demolished everything. They broke up pieces of the statue of the Blessed Virgin, besides the statues of saints. After this was done they broke up the tabernacle where they seized the chalice and the Blessed Sacrament, which they threw upon the floor. Not satisfied with that, they trampled upon them. They then put on the priests' vestments and marched into camp in a mocking manner. It brought tears to the eyes of many a Catholic boy to see such an outrage on the church of his faith. But the volunteers didn't stop at this. They went into the vestry of the church and after breaking them open, they threw the bodies in air, and then they searched for jewelry and other valuables. This alone is a disgrace to Uncle Sam, and the gallows is not half good enough for some of the soldiers."

Private Prendergast, we are told by the Philadelphia North American, which publishes his letter, has an enviable record as a soldier. When the war opened he enlisted in the Third Cavalry and served with credit throughout the entire Cuban campaign. After a spell of sickness at Montauk Point and at Jefferson Barracks, he was transferred to the Twelfth Infantry and sent to the Philippines. It is safe to say such a man is telling the truth. His letter deserves the serious attention of the authorities at Washington.

If the army officers at Manila ignore such a horrible insult to the faith of the Catholic soldiers who are fighting for their country in the Philippines, the president and the secretary of war should be made to understand that action by them is in order.

Comments on Ingersoll.

Those who expected the ministers and priests to give Mr. Ingersoll a fearful tongue lashing after he died must feel disappointed after reading the following special to the St. Louis Republic from New York:

New York, July 22.—Will Ingersoll be saved? is the question of the hour. Here are some opinions on the subject:

The Reverend Doctor D. J. Stafford of St. Patrick's Church, Washington: "Poor Bob Ingersoll, I hope he is saved. If he was, there is a chance for him."

The Reverend George H. Hepworth New York: "The question you ask me is something like this: 'Admitting that Colonel Ingersoll was sincere, and admitting also that he was in the wrong, can he be saved?'"

"How can any sane man answer that question except in the affirmative? We judge a man by his actions, which very frequently misrepresent the man's heart. Our judgement therefore is faulty and often unjust. God judges a man by the standard of motive, and, therefore, against many people whom we would down because we don't know enough to save them, will sit in a high place in the hereafter. For that matter, when we get to heaven we shall find some there whom we never expect to see, and we shall not find others whom we may look for."

HONEST MEN GO TO HEAVEN.

"Admitting that Ingersoll was honest in his doubts, I can only say that I prefer his honest doubts to the half belief or the make-believe of too many who think they are thinkers, and too rarely imagine themselves to be orthodox. If I read the New Testament aright, I am sure that the spirit which pervades it is on the side of this statement. Every honest man will go to heaven, for the other place is not large enough to hold him."

The Reverend Doctor Henry Brann, pastor of St. Agnes's Roman Catholic Church, knew Mr. Ingersoll and wrote a book in answer to his tenets on religion. Doctor Brann said:

"Mr. Ingersoll was an ignorant man. He had wit and talent, but he spoke of subjects which he had not studied, and ridiculed things he knew only by half. I spent a portion of summer with him at Long Branch, and remember his surprise when I told him that the Catholic church hated as much as he did the theory of a total depravity and of predestination, as expounded by Calvin."

"Ingersoll never studied and never knew the philosophy of the Catholic church, and when he attacked it we laughed at his ignorance. He was no philosopher. I have heard him lecture several times, but never heard him show any evidence of a philosophical mind."

"No intelligent man can be honest who denies the existence of a supreme being. St. Paul calls the Romans inexcusable because they did not see that the created universe around them implied the existence of a supreme being. To deny his existence is to deliberately shut one's eyes to the light."

The Reverend Sidney Herbert Cox, pastor of the Lee Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn:

"The honest ask, 'He has, I believe, the same right to salvation that the most loyal upholder of the Christian faith has. The question is: Was Ingersoll honest? From his utterances I judge that he was honest. Fundamentally, it seems to me that he was not wholly honest. In recent years he criticized Christianity as he found it in his youth, and gave no credit for the advances made. A great many in the church, such as Abbott and Briggs, have shown the way to a higher Christianity than was known before."

Reverend Horace Porter, assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn:

Regarding the future of Colonel Ingersoll's soul, if he had a chance, he has it yet. If he was not honest in his convictions he will now have a chance to be honest. I believe that the future world may give to him, as it may to us all, clearer light and a larger opportunity to know and live the truth. If it does Ingersoll will have his chance. We do not absolutely know; therefore, we had better make the best of our opportunities here."

Middletown, N. Y., July 22.—Luther R. Marsh, the noted Spiritualist, who resides in Boston avenue, in this city, to-day, in regard to the late Colonel Ingersoll said:

"I knew him personally and regarded him as a noble character. Kind, generous, hearted fellow that he was, but he was wrong in his orthodoxy. If I were a judge I should be puzzled to know where to locate him in the other world. He was all that a man could be towards his fellow-men, with a character above reproach, but on the other hand, he was all wrong regarding the great future existence."

Mr. Marsh, although years ago having passed the octogenarian milestone in life's journey, is still enjoying his unusual physical and mental vigor.

OPINION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, July 22.—Clergymen of different denominations were seen to-day and asked if Colonel Ingersoll, though an agnostic, would be saved if he was sincere. The Reverend Daniel I. McDermott, rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic

Church, said: "It is a question that cannot be answered without being misunderstood. Two or three sermons and lectures might be preached without making it any clearer. Our Lord said of those who crucified him that they should be forgiven, for they knew not what they did. The first thing would have to excuse Ingersoll for would be his sins against truth. But I do not think God held St. Paul personally responsible for his acts while persecuting the Christians. God condemns no man who supposes he is in the right, nor do we hold a child guilty for sins of innocent ignorance."

The Reverend Doctor Charles A. Dickey of Bethany Presbyterian Church said: "I never saw Mr. Ingersoll. I never heard him speak, I was once mistaken for him by a friend, but I have always felt sorry for his blindness, and I fondly hope that the great mercy of God has forgiven the wrong he did. I have always believed that a mistaken notion of Christ, of Christianity and of Christianity warped the better nature of a man who might have been a noble defender of the very truth that he blindly assailed, if he had enjoyed a different environment. Mr. Ingersoll knows the truth now, and I believe that he had in his nature a love of truth that will make him satisfied with whatever a good God may decree as his eternal fate."

The Reverend W. A. Bodine, rector of the Protestant Church of the Savior, said:

"I do not know why an agnostic, if honest in his beliefs, should not enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Rev. F. P. Briggs of Wilmington, Del., who is supplying the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, said:

"With a man like Ingersoll and his wide influence over others, there is much that has to be considered in answering the question. Off-hand, though, I never knew or heard of agnosticism. I should be inclined to say that he would be forgiven. His character as a man was unsalable, and whatever may have been his beliefs, they were, we must believe, sincere."

BOSTON MINISTERS.

Republic Special.

Boston, July 22.—The Reverend A. A. Berle, Congregationalist, said:

"Colonel Ingersoll was a brave, chivalrous, high-hearted man, resolute in his championship of what he believed to be true. Infinitely more to be respected than certain critical infidels who discredit both the gospel and the Bible by covert insinuations. Peace to his ashes."

The Reverend Doctor Field of St. John's Episcopal Church said:

"The less said about Ingersoll the better, it seems to me. I would not want to be in his shoes."

WANTED:—At Pardue's, chickens and eggs for cash.

Coal Oil Johnny is drawing his \$10,000 salary very quietly. Wonder whether His Excellency, Aguirre of Santa Fe, gets any rake off?—Deming Headlight.

Grant county, New Mexico, has tired of the inattention of the territorial government to its demand for a ranger force for protection against the great losses its people have sustained at the hands of cattle rustlers lately. They have organized a ranger force of their own and we doubt not, more effective service will be rendered and the country rid of the marauders.—Denver Stockman.

If all reports are only half true the "war of humanity" has developed into a war of the most degrading inhumanity, killing women and children in the Philippines and desecrating churches; sending to this country as relics vestments and other articles, held sacred by all the members of the church is only a portion of the vandalism practiced by U. S. soldiers in the Philippines. Some apologists of the war should now show the facts to be false in order to escape the denunciation of all fair and honest people.

MIDLAND CARNIVAL.

Everything promises fair that the Cowboy Carnival and Elsie Stock Show at Midland, August 24th to September 2nd, will surpass anything of the kind ever before attempted in West Texas. Two great roping contests for parades of \$300 and \$400 will be features of the entertainment. Many new and novel attractions will be introduced.

Full program and information may be had by addressing C. E. Dorville, secretary, Midland, Texas.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners held July 22nd, to consider the repairing of the court house at Carlsbad, Eddy county. Members present: N. Cunningham, chairman, and N. Weaver, commissioners of district No. 2. A quorum being present the following business was transacted, to-wit:

The board after considering the proposals for repairing said court house and being fully advised in the premises do hereby authorize and employ Messrs. Witt and Roberts to repair said court house for the sum not to exceed twelve hundred and forty dollars. It is further ordered by the board that said sum of twelve hundred and forty dollars appropriated for the repair of said court house be transferred temporarily from the sinking fund belonging to said county to the court house repair fund, to be returned to said sinking fund when the taxes are collected from said court house repair fund in said sum of twelve hundred and forty dollars.

Mare For Sale.
I have in my pasture a gray mare branded T.V. on left thigh which will be sold for pastorage, Monday July 31st.
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A. N. PRATT, Secy.

I. O. O. F., Eddy Lodge No. 21 meets every Friday evening in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers in good standing cordially welcome.
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Receivers Sale.
Pursuant to an order made by Hon. Frank W. Parker, judge of the district court of the third judicial district of the territory of New Mexico (in the absence of Hon. Chas. A. Lealand, judge of the first judicial district) will sell for cash, to the highest bidder in public auction in front of the court house at Carlsbad, (formerly Eddy) New Mexico, on Monday the 21st day of August, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., the remaining assets of the First National Bank of Eddy, New Mexico. Schedule of assets will be furnished by applying to the receiver.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale.
Whereas, on the first day of March, A. D. 1905, C. E. Conway made, executed and delivered unto The First National Bank of Eddy, New Mexico, a certain promissory note and extending under the laws of the United States of America in relation to national banks, and doing business at Eddy, in the territory of New Mexico, his mortgage deed conveying the lands and property therein and hereinafter described, situated in Eddy county, New Mexico, to secure the payment of one promissory note for the sum of three thousand seven hundred (\$3,700.00) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent; said promissory note being payable on demand, which said mortgage was filed for record on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1905, and recorded in book volume 3 of mortgages at page 261, etc., of the records of said Eddy county.

And, whereas, the said mortgage contained a condition that should default be made in the payment of the principal of said note or any interest due thereon when demanded it should then and thereafter be lawful for the said The First National Bank of Eddy, New Mexico, its successors and assigns, to sell and dispose of the same at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house of the county of Eddy in said territory, or on the premises, first giving notice of the time, terms and place of sale and the property to be sold by advertising in some newspaper published in the county aforesaid for four consecutive days, if a daily, or six consecutive days, if a weekly, and written notice posted at the place advertised for such sale, at which said sale The First National Bank might purchase if it should be the highest and best bid.

And, whereas, default has been made upon said C. E. Conway for the payment of the principal of said note and the interest due thereon, which default has not been complied with by the said C. E. Conway, and there is now due and unpaid upon said note the sum of thirty-seven hundred dollars, together with interest thereon at twelve per cent per annum from the 15th day of August, A. D. 1905.

And, whereas, said W. Rogers is now the duly appointed, qualified and acting receiver of The First National Bank of Eddy, New Mexico, and as such receiver holds in trust for the benefit of the creditors of said bank all of the property and assets of the said bank, including the note and mortgage aforesaid.

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